

25th I went to the downs at Oaken Grove, between Guildford and Dorking. It was a favourable night for *Ptilophora plumigera* Schiff., but none appeared at m.v. light which however attracted a lot of *Poecilocampa populi* L. as well as a few *Conistra vaccini* L. and the first *Operophtera brumata* L. But for a cold snap for a few days in the middle December, the year ended once more on a very mild note especially at the Christmas period, though insects were not as plentiful or precocious as a year previously.

So ended a year which will certainly be long remembered as producing one of the longest and hottest summers of the century. It certainly brought out quite a spate of the lepidoptera, though migrants were not very forthcoming until near its end in late August which saw an amazing invasion of several species in the south-western areas with a record number of the noctuid *Mythimna loreyi* Dup. 1975 was indeed a most memorable year compared with its immediate predecessors.

Butterflies on the Isles of Scilly during August 1975

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From 17th to 30th August, 1975, while staying on St. Mary's, I also visited several of the other islands; namely, Tresco (25th), St. Agnes (18th), St. Martin's (20th), Bryher (23rd), Samson (27th), Tean (21st) and Great Ganilly (26th).

The following are a few notes on the species recorded.

Pieridae

Colias croceus (Geoff. in Fourc.)

A few specimens on St. Mary's. One f. *helice* Hübn. taken on the south side of the island on the 30th.

Pieris brassicae (L.)

Fairly common. Noted on St. Mary's, St. Agnes, Tresco, St. Martin's and Bryher.

Pieris rapae (L.)

Common. Noted on St. Mary's, Tresco, St. Agnes, St. Martin's, Bryher, Samson, Tean and Great Ganilly.

Pieris napi (L.)

Uncommon. St. Mary's only.

Lycaenidae

Lycaena phlaeas (L.)

Uncommon on St. Mary's, St. Martin's and Great Ganilly.

Polyommatus icarus (Rott.)

Common on St. Mary's, Tresco, St. Agnes, St. Martin's, Bryher, Tean and Great Ganilly.

Nymphalidae

Vanessa atalanta (L.)

Common on Tresco. Fairly common on St. Mary's and Bryher. A few specimens noted on Samson, Tean and Great Ganilly.

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Cynthia cardui (L.)

A few specimens on St. Mary's, St. Agnes and Great Ganilly.

Aglais urticae (L.)

Common on St. Mary's, Tresco and St. Martin's.

Inachis io (L.)

Single specimens noted on St. Mary's, Tresco and Great Ganilly.

Satyridae

Pararge aegeria insula Howarth

Common along shady roads and footpaths on St. Mary's, St. Agnes and St. Martin's. One male approaching ab. *saturationior* Cramb. taken on St. Agnes.

From ova laid by a female taken on St. Mary's I bred a number of specimens, which emerged in early January 1976. These presumably represent the first generation, and differ from the August examples in that the upperside markings are more orange, the underside is generally more brightly coloured, and the central part of the greyish-violet submarginal area of the underside hindwing extends towards a discal patch of the same colour.

Maniola jurtina cassiteridum Graves

The commonest species noted. Numerous on St. Mary's, Tresco, St. Agnes, St. Martin's, Bryher, Samson, Tean and Great Ganilly.



PLEBEJUS PYLAON BRETHERTONI BROWN IN ATTICA. — I should like to report the existence of a small colony of *Plebejus pylaon brethertoni* Brown on Mt. Parnis (near Athens) at 800 m. in June, 1975. *P.p. brethertoni* has previously been recorded only from Mt. Parnassos, Mt. Tymphristos, and the Peloponnesos. Its presence in Attica suggests that its full distribution may yet be unknown. — J. BROWN, 12 Browning Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

PANCHLORA NIVEA (L.) COCKROACH IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. — On 11th March, 1976, I was given a pale green cockroach which had been found amongst some bananas at St. John's Hospital, Stone, Near Aylesbury. The insect lived for about ten days, feeding on small scraps of food, including cat meat (!), and when it finally died I sent it to the British Museum (Natural History) for positive identification. It was confirmed (by Judith Marshall) as the Cuban cockroach, *Panchlora nivea* (L.), which David Ragge's *Grasshoppers, Crickets and Cockroaches of the British Isles* (Warne 1965) tells us is a native of Central and South America and the West Indies, and is frequently brought into Britain on West Indian bananas. — ANTHONY WOOTTON, 40 Roundhill, Stone, Nr. Aylesbury, Bucks., HP17 8RD.